

DOCKET NO. 3843-002-27 CONT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DAVID McCRAY PEELE
SERIAL NO.: 09/735,177
FILING DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2000
FOR: TOBACCO PROCESSING

ART UNIT: 1731
EXAMINER: WALLS, DIONNE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination in the above-allowed application for the purpose of introducing the substance of the amendment denied entry under Rule 312, and securing entry of the Information Disclosure Statement earlier referenced. Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: